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SY CHANNEL

DEPT FOR DASS, A/SY/OPS/FO

NAIROBI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF BEIRUT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

1. DURING THE PERIOD JUL 21-24, 1978 THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT YARZE WAS CAUGHT IN CROSS-FIRE BETWEEN SYRIAN TROOPS OF THE ADF AND RIGHTIST MILITIA LOCATED IN HADATH/SIBNAL. THE FIGHTING BETWEEN THESE TWO GROUPS INVOLVED HEAVY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE IN ADDITION TO HEAVY MACHINE GUN AND SMALL ARMS FIRE.

2. THE RESIDENCE TOOK NUMEROUS SMALL ARMS ROUNDS AND THE BUILDING ITSELF WAS PUNCTURED BY THREE ROUNDS (7.62), ONE OF WHICH STRUCK A DOOR FRAME APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES ABOVE THE HEAD OF SA BRAND. RSO DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY OF THE HITS WERE INTENTIONAL BUT RATHER OVER/UNDER SHOTS.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE DANGER OF INCOMING FIRE, SUPPORT (TRANSPORT, EXCHANGE OF SY/MSG PERSONNEL) BECAME
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INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AS THE VARIOUS ROUTES TO AND FROM THE RESIDENCE BECAME INSECURE. WHILE CROSSING THROUGH ONE OF THE GREEN LINE "GATES", RSO WAS FIRED UPON AND A VEHICLE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF RSO'S WAS HIT BY SNIPER'S BULLET.

4. FOR ABOVE REASONS, RSO DECIDED TO EVACUATE ALL

RESIDENCE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING COM, MRS. PARKER, SY/SA
AND MSG'S; WITHDRAWAL WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT
0930 JUL 24. FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THE COM WILL
RESIDE IN HIS STAND-BY QUARTERS WITHIN THE CHANCERY.

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